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EXPORT TRADE BY COUNTRY

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the slight decline in United States exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, including Special Category commodities, from $1,395.9 million in August to $1,361.7 million in September reflected the following changes: Latin American Republics, from $346.0 to $315.3 million; Western Europe, from $406.5 to $390.5 million; dependencies of Western Europe, from $44.7 to $40.7 million; and "all other countries," except Canada, from $324.9 to $316.0 million. Exports to Canada rose from $273.8 to $299.1 million. September exports of Special Category commodities, valued at $150.8 million, were approximately the same as the August total of $150.1 million.

Exports of domestic and foreign merchandise, excluding Special Category commodities, were valued at $1,210.9 million in September as compared to $1,245.8 million in August. Exports to Latin American Republics and O.E.E.C. countries fell from $337.3 to $307.4 million and from $311.4 to $307.3 million, respectively. However, exports to sterling area countries rose from $161.2 to $190.5 million.

Exports to South America fell from $192.8 million in August to $158.1 million in September. The bulk of this decrease was due to declines in exports to Brazil, from $49.5 to $39.9 million; Argentina, from $26.5 to $18.8 million; Venezuela, from $60.0 to $54.1 million; and Chile, from $15.3 to $10.5 million. The decreases in exports to Japan, from $64.1 to $52.1 million and to the Republic of Korea, from $19.9 to $13.6 million were the chief reasons for the decline in exports to Asia from $202.3 to $186.2 million. However, exports to India rose from $27.6 to $33.3 million. The decline in exports to Europe from $358.7 to $344.7 million resulted mainly from decreases in exports to individual countries of this continent as follows: Poland and Danzig, from $20.4 to $11.2 million; Yugoslavia, from $12.6 to $5.4 million; West Germany, from $60.3 to $53.8 million; France, from $31.6 to $25.7 million; and Greece, from $10.1 to $5.3 million. These decreases were partly offset, however, by gains in exports to the United Kingdom, from $58.3 to $73.7 million and Spain, from $11.8 to $17.4 million. Exports to Africa fell from $46.6 to $36.2 million owing chiefly to a noticeable decrease in exports to the Union of South Africa from $19.1 to $12.7 million.

During the period, exports to North America advanced from $429.4 to $458.8 million as increases in exports to Canada, from $265.8 to $290.5 million, and the Republic of Panama, from $5.7 to $18.2 million, were partly offset by a decline in exports to Mexico, from $68.7 to $61.5 million. Exports to Australia and Oceania rose from $16.0 to $26.9 million as increases occurred in exports to Australia, from $12.7 to $21.3 million and New Zealand, from $2.6 to $4.8 million.

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EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Export Statistics include government as well as non-government shipments to foreign countries. The export statistics, therefore, include Mutual Security Program military aid, Mutual Security Program economic aid, and Department of the Army Civilian Supply shipments. Separate figures for Mutual Security Program military aid are shown in the footnotes of this report. Shipments to United States armed forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use are excluded from export statistics. United States trade with Puerto Rico and with United States territories and possessions is not included in this report, but the export trade of Puerto Rico, Alaska, and Hawaii with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States export trade. Merchandise shipped in transit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in exports.

COUNTRY DEFINITION: Although the country of destination is defined as the country of ultimate destination or the country where the goods are to be consumed, or further processed or manufactured, the statistics do not always reflect this definition, as the shipper may not know the ultimate destination of the shipment. In such cases, the shipments are credited to the last country, as known to the exporter at the time of shipment from the United States, to which the goods are to be shipped in their present form. It follows, therefore, that the statistics will tend to be overcounted for shipments to transshipment or merchanting countries and undercounted for other countries. As explained in the footnotes to the table, exports of Special Category commodities are not included in any of the published country totals, for reasons of security. (See footnote 2 on page 4 regarding non-comparability of 1958 and 1957 monthly data due to change in security restrictions.)

VALUATION: The valuation definition used in the export statistics is the value at the seaport, border point, or airport of exportation. It is based on the selling price (or cost if not sold) and includes inland freight, insurance, and other charges to the port of exportation. Transportation and other costs beyond the United States port of exportation are excluded. However, in some instances the valuation may not be reported in accordance with this definition, particularly where the export value is difficult to determine or must be estimated. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: The value of export shipments individually valued $100 to $499 (about five percent of total export value) is estimated by sampling. The estimated values are distributed among the area, continent and country totals shown in the table. The probable variability in the export figures due to sampling is less than two percent of the individual totals shown, or less than $50,000. The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000. For further information regarding the sampling procedures, see the September 1953, February 1954, and January and June 1956 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes.

See foreword of Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States for further details in regard to coverage, country definition, valuation, etc., and with regard to exceptions to the general policies described above.

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UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MERCHANDISE, BY COUNTRY
OF DESTINATION: SEPTEMBER 1958 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Value in millions of dollars. N.e.c. indicates not elsewhere classified. Figures for 1958 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1957 include revisions published with the December 1957 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1958. See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures and effect thereof on the data shown.)

Continent and country[1]	September 1958	August 1958	September 1957	Monthly average 1957
Total trade including Special Categories[2]	[3]1,361.7	[4]1,395.9	[5]1,540.3	[6]1,734.1
Western Europe	390.5	406.5	483.2	561.5
Dependencies of Western Europe	40.7	44.7	48.2	57.4
Canada	299.1	273.8	314.2	336.1
Latin American Republics	315.3	346.0	374.8	389.5
All other countries	316.0	324.9	319.9	389.7
Total Special Categories[2]	150.8	150.1	172.3	165.1
Type 1	33.9	33.5	35.2	37.9
Type 2	116.9	116.6	137.1	127.2
Net total excluding Special Categories[2]	1,210.9	1,245.8	1,368.1	1,569.0
O.E.E.C. countries	307.3	311.4	384.6	441.9
Latin American Republics	307.4	337.3	355.6	379.5
Sterling area countries	190.5	161.2	217.3	224.2
North America	458.8	429.4	466.6	508.9
Greenland[d]	(*)	(*)	0.1	(*)
Canada (including Newfoundland and Labrador)	290.5	265.8	302.0	325.4
Miquelon and St. Pierre Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Mexico[a]	61.5	68.7	70.0	75.1
Guatemala[a]	5.1	6.7	5.4	6.8
British Honduras[b,d]	0.3	0.5	0.8	0.4
El Salvador[a]	3.1	3.8	3.4	4.2
Honduras[a]	3.3	3.5	3.0	3.5
Nicaragua[a]	2.9	3.5	2.8	3.3
Costa Rica[a]	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.0
Republic of Panama[a]	18.2	5.7	5.6	7.0
Canal Zone	1.3	1.2	1.6	1.8
Bermuda[b,d]	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.7
Bahamas[b,d]	2.4	2.1	2.6	2.8
Cuba[a]	45.7	42.2	44.9	51.5
Jamaica[b,d]	2.7	2.2	3.0	3.3
Haiti[a]	1.8	2.6	1.9	2.0
Dominican Republic[a]	5.8	5.4	6.1	6.2
Leeward and Windward Islands[b,d]	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Barbados[b,d]	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Trinidad and Tobago[b,d]	2.3	2.9	1.6	2.4
Netherlands Antilles[d]	6.2	5.8	5.6	7.0
French West Indies[d]	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2
South America	158.1	192.8	209.9	217.8
Colombia[a]	12.8	16.2	23.2	20.1
Venezuela[a]	54.1	60.0	87.7	87.5
British Guiana[b,d]	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.8
Surinam[d]	0.6	0.6	0.9	1.0
French Guiana[d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	(*)
Ecuador[a]	4.1	4.2	3.7	4.2
Peru[a]	12.1	14.9	15.5	16.5
Bolivia[a]	2.1	2.3	2.0	2.8
Chile[a]	10.5	15.3	15.5	16.2
Brazil[a]	39.9	49.5	37.6	40.1
Paraguay[a]	0.6	0.7	1.1	0.9
Uruguay[a]	1.9	2.1	4.3	4.1
Argentina[a]	18.8	26.5	17.8	23.5
Falkland Islands[b,d]	...	(*)	...	(*)
Europe	344.7	358.7	407.3	481.7
Iceland[b,c,e]	1.1	1.2	0.2	0.9
Sweden[c,e]	16.0	14.5	15.4	19.2
Norway[c,e]	4.0	5.1	9.5	7.1
Denmark[c,e]	4.1	3.6	6.5	7.3
United Kingdom[b,c,e]	73.7	58.3	97.1	91.6
Ireland (Eire)[b,c,e]	6.0	2.4	2.7	1.8
Netherlands[c,e]	35.1	34.4	36.8	46.3
Belgium and Luxembourg[c,e]	21.3	25.1	25.0	34.9
France[7]	25.7	31.6	33.8	49.1
West Germany[7]	53.8	60.3	68.4	79.5
East Germany	...	(*)	(*)	(*)
Austria[c,e]	2.6	5.8	6.3	5.7
Czechoslovakia	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
Hungary	(*)	(*)	0.3	0.4

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Continent and country	September 1958	August 1958	September 1957	Monthly average 1957
Europe—Continued				
Switzerland [c,e]	11.7	13.9	17.2	19.9
Finland [c]	2.9	2.1	1.3	2.8
Estonia	...	...	...	...
Latvia	...	...	...	0.1
Lithuania	...	...	...	...
Poland and Danzig	11.2	20.4	9.4	6.1
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	(*)	(*)	1.4	0.3
Azores [d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Spain [c]	17.4	11.8	6.8	16.7
Portugal [c,e]	3.2	1.4	2.6	3.8
Gibraltar [b,d]	(*)	(*)	0.1	0.1
Malta, Gozo, and Cyprus [b,d]	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Italy [c,e]	34.7	35.0	47.8	55.1
Free Territory of Trieste [c,e]	0.3	0.1	0.8	1.1
Yugoslavia [c]	5.4	12.6	2.5	12.5
Albania	...	...	...	...
Greece [c,e]	5.3	10.1	3.9	7.2
Rumania	(*)	...	(*)	0.1
Bulgaria	...	...	...	(*)
Turkey [c,e]	8.5	8.6	10.5	11.6
Asia	186.2	202.3	216.3	280.6
United Arab Republic (Syria Region) [8]	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5
Lebanon	1.7	2.9	3.4	3.3
Iraq (Mesopotamia) [b]	1.3	2.1	2.8	3.3
Iran (Persia)	6.2	6.6	5.8	6.9
Israel	8.9	9.3	7.3	8.0
Palestine	(*)	...	...	(*)
Jordan [b]	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.6
Kuwait [b,d]	2.7	2.4	3.3	3.2
Saudi Arabia	3.5	4.7	4.4	5.7
Arabia Peninsula States, n.e.c	0.8	0.8	0.4	0.5
Aden [b,d]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.1
State of Bahrein [b,d]	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6
Afghanistan	0.5	0.7	0.2	0.7
India [b]	33.3	27.6	30.1	36.5
Pakistan [b]	5.8	4.7	11.6	9.6
Nepal	(*)	...	...	(*)
Ceylon [b]	2.2	0.8	0.5	1.1
Burma [b]	0.6	0.3	0.6	0.7
Thailand (Siam)	3.9	4.1	4.5	5.7
Viet-Nam [9]	6.0	3.5	3.6	6.6
Laos [9]	0.3	0.4		
Cambodia [9]	0.6	0.8		
Federation of Malaya [10,b]	0.6	0.5	2.6	3.6
Colony of Singapore; British Borneo [11,b,d]	1.8	1.7		
Republic of Indonesia	3.5	4.0	7.0	9.1
Republic of the Philippines	22.1	24.0	28.8	30.8
Macao (Macau) [d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Portuguese Asia, n.e.c. [d]	(*)	(*)	0.2	0.2
Southern and Southeastern Asia, n.e.c	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
China (including Manchuria)	...	...	...	(*)
Outer Mongolia	...	...	...	...
North Korea	...	...	...	...
Republic of Korea	13.6	19.9	19.1	23.1
Hong Kong [b,d]	4.9	5.3	6.6	6.5
Taiwan (Formosa)	6.7	8.3	6.3	8.8
Japan	52.1	64.1	64.2	102.5
Nansei and Nanpo Islands, n.e.c	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.2
Australia and Oceania	26.9	16.0	22.7	23.3
Australia [b]	21.3	12.7	16.7	17.7
New Guinea [b]	0.1	(*)	0.1	0.1
New Zealand [b]	4.8	2.6	5.4	4.5
British Western Pacific Islands [b,d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
French Pacific Islands [d]	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.6
Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Africa	36.2	46.6	45.3	56.8
Morocco	3.5	2.8	4.5	3.9
Algeria [d]	3.1	2.5	1.9	2.3
Tunisia [d]	0.2	1.0	0.4	0.6

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Continent and country[1]	September 1958	August 1958	September 1957	Monthly average 1957
Africa—Continued				
Libya[b]	1.8	2.7	0.8	1.2
United Arab Republic (Egypt Region)[12]	3.2	4.3	2.9	3.3
Sudan	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.4
Canary Islands[d]	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.5
Spanish Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
Cameroon[d]	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4
French Equatorial Africa[d]	0.4	0.7	1.2	0.9
French West Africa and Republic of Togo[13,7]	0.8	0.9	0.8	1.5
Ghana[14,b]	0.9	0.8	1.1	0.8
Nigeria[b,d]	1.1	2.4	1.4	1.5
British West Africa, n.e.c.[b,d]	(*)	0.1	0.1	0.2
Madeira Islands[d]	(*)	(*)	(*)	(*)
Angola[d]	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.2
Western Portuguese Africa, n.e.c.[d]	0.2	(*)	(*)	(*)
Liberia	1.4	1.8	1.7	5.0
Belgian Congo[d]	1.9	3.0	4.0	4.9
Somaliland	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.5
French Somaliland[d]	0.1	(*)	(*)	(*)
British Somaliland[b,d]	0.7	(*)	(*)	0.1
Seychelles and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	(*)	...	(*)
Mauritius and Dependencies[b,d]	(*)	0.1	(*)	0.1
British East Africa[b,d]	0.3	0.6	0.4	0.6
Mozambique[d]	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.7
Madagascar[d]	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.3
Union of South Africa[15,b]	12.7	19.1	19.3	23.7
Southern British Africa[15,b,d]			...	(*)
Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland[b]	0.8	0.6	1.6	1.7

[a]Latin American Republics. [b]Sterling area countries. [c]Western Europe. [d]Dependencies of Western Europe. [e]O.E.E.C. (Organization for European Economic Cooperation) countries. *Indicates less than $50,000. [1]For definitions of countries as used in this report, refer to current edition of Schedule C, Classification of Country Designations Used in Compiling the United States Foreign Trade Statistics. [2]Country detail is not reported in the export statistics for Special Category commodities beginning July 1950 for security reasons. For certain areas, export totals include Special Categories, as shown at the beginning of the table. Export figures for other areas and countries represent total exports less exports of Special Category commodities. During 1957, security restrictions were removed for a selected list of commodities formerly classified as Special Category Type 2. See the June and August 1957 issues of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes. Monthly country totals for 1957 shown in this report have not been revised to include these commodities, but data for these commodities are included in the 1957 monthly averages and in the 1958 monthly country totals. Therefore, 1958 monthly totals for an individual country may not be comparable with the total shown for the corresponding month of 1957. In order to give some indication of the magnitude of the trade in these commodities, the monthly average data for 1957 is presented in the January 1958 issue of this report on an unrevised basis, excluding these commodities, as well as on a revised basis, including these exports. See the April 1958 issue of Foreign Trade Statistics Notes for further explanation and list of Special Category commodities. [3]Includes $ 121.6 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($ 44.1 million to Western Europe). [4]Includes $ 113.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($ 45.1 million to Western Europe). [5]Includes $ 103.2 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($ 56.8 million to Western Europe). [6]Includes $ 113.0 million of Military Mutual Security Program shipments ($ 59.4 million to Western Europe). [7]The Saar included with West Germany beginning July 1958. For prior periods, the Saar is included with France. [8]United Arab Republic (Syria Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Syria. [9]Viet-Nam, Laos, and Cambodia, each shown separately beginning January 1958. Formerly data for these three countries were shown under the combined country designation "Viet-Nam, Laos, and Cambodia." [10]Federation of Malaya shown separately beginning January 1958. For prior periods Federation of Malaya included in area formerly known as British Malaya. [11]Colony of Singapore; British Borneo beginning July 1958. Includes area known as Colony of Singapore during first half of 1958. For earlier periods "Colony of Singapore; British Borneo" was included in area formerly known as British Malaya. [12]United Arab Republic (Egypt Region) beginning July 1958, formerly Egypt. [13]French West Africa and Republic of Togo beginning July 1958, formerly French West Africa. [14]Ghana, beginning March 1957, formerly the Gold Coast. [15]Union of South Africa includes Southern British Africa beginning January 1958. For prior periods Southern British Africa shown separately.